

Reference: Petition 04-160
Gentlemen:

The US has always led the world in developing advanced technology and then applying these technologies to new and often innovative products. Our competitive market system is the ultimate judge of the success or failure of these products and services. This certainly applies to the Satellite Radio services that have recently entered the market.

The National Association of Broadcasters has petitioned the FCC to prohibit XM Satellite Radio from offering Instant Traffic and Weather programming, a service valued by many of XM's customers. I urge you to deny this petition and let the free market determine if the public values these products.

Over a million customers have invested in both the hardware and service fees for XM Satellite services. This is certainly a strong indication of the public's interest in fee based radio. Please let the market work and deny petition 04-160.

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